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Did YOU Know YOU Can Say NO!



All KSC employees have the right and the responsibility to call a work “time out” or “stop work” when it is believed conditions or the area are inherently unsafe or unhealthy to themselves or others.

Kennedy NASA Policy Directive Safety and Mission Assurance Policy Directive (KNPD 8700.1), states, “When unsafe and/or unhealthful conditions or acts pose imminent danger to personnel or property, all employees (government and contractor) are vested with the right and obligation to exercise stop work authority. In addition, all employees have the right to refuse to perform work they feel is inherently unsafe and/or unhealthful, but they are obligated to work with their management to determine how the work can be performed in a safe and healthful manner.”

Many workers have become accustomed to following written policies and procedures for work activities to the point where it is second nature. What should you do when you come across a situation where following an established policy or procedure puts you or someone else in a position that is inherently unsafe or unhealthy?

1. Report it! It is **OK** to say **“NO”** when unsafe or unhealthy conditions exist.
2. Work with the operation supervisor to determine a way to perform the work in a safe and healthful manner.

Remember, it is the responsibility of all employees to comply with policies and follow applicable work procedures; however, that does not take priority over a safe and healthy work environment. **SAFETY FIRST IN ALL WE DO!!!**

“One More Reminder” About Cell Phone Use While Driving on KSC!

A KSC employee recently expressed concern to *Lookout* about careless drivers and cell phone use while driving on and off center ([See Sound-off to the right](#)). *Lookout* acknowledges the concern and reiterates center policies.

CD_COMM 2009-02 and 2009-06 address the center director’s position on both aggressive driving and cell phone use. Although time passes and some conditions change, certain habits die hard and what was true in 2009 holds true today:

“...some drivers choose to drive aggressively and significantly above the posted speed. This behavior is dangerous. I’ve also observed that some drivers fail to obey traffic lights or stop signs, and some use cell phones while driving.” “Accidents and near misses have occurred because drivers were preoccupied with their phones.”

NASA Procedural Requirements for General Safety Program Requirements (NPR 8715.3C), paragraph 3.2.2.1, states: Operators of motor vehicles on NASA property or operating a NASA vehicle both on and off NASA property shall...(c) Not use hand-held communication devices while the vehicle is in motion, except for emergency, security, and fire vehicles during official operations.

Also, Executive Order 13513, effective Oct. 1, 2009, states: Federal employees shall not engage in text messaging (a) when driving a GOV (government-owned vehicle), or when driving a POV (privately-owned vehicle) while on official government business, or (b) when using electronic equipment supplied by the government while driving.

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The following is a KSC employee’s response to a previous Lookout article regarding safe driving on and off center.

“On State Road 3, both morning and evening, if you are not doing at least 70 in the left lane you are holding up traffic trying to get past you.”



Twice in one week I saw a police car take off after different drivers, who had to be doing over 70 by the old badge check on State Road 3.



The other thing that bothers me is the people on their cell phones the minute they pull out of the parking lot. This is still NASA property and no cell phones on NASA property.”

